

REMARKS

The priority claim has been amended to indicate the status of related applications.

Applicant notes that a certified copy of foreign priority document PCT/US99/10871 has not been filed. A certified copy of the priority document is submitted herewith.

Claims 6, 8, 19-46, 48 and 49 have been canceled.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-18 and 47 remain pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 9, 10, 47 are currently amended.

The claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Claims 1 and 47 have been amended to more clearly define the first and second flow paths and to provide antecedent basis for "the first and second flow paths" and "first flow path." Claim 8 has been canceled.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend for claim 1 or 47.

Respectfully Submitted,

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